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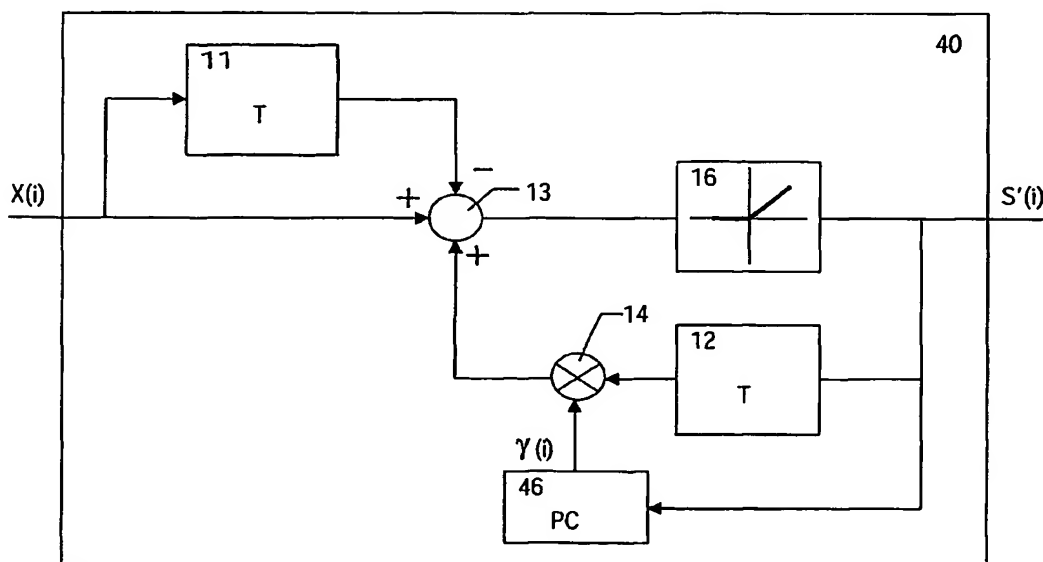
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for detecting voice activity in a communication signal, wherein filter means are provided for estimating or suppressing an offset component of the level of the communication signal. A filter parameter is controlled based on the output of the filter means. Furthermore, the estimation or suppression of the offset component is limited in response to the output of the filter means. The filter means may be based on a non-linear adaptive notch level filter or a noise floor tracking filter. Thereby, the tracking behavior of noise floor estimation to sudden rises in noise floor can be improved and the voice activity detection can work efficiently over a wide dynamic range.

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